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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2008 AS GO RED FOR WOMEN MONTH IN ARIZONA.

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1 Whereas, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death,
2 and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

3 Whereas, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of almost 480,000
4 American women each year, a rate of about one death per minute; and

5 Whereas, each year, 53 per cent of all cardiovascular disease deaths
6 occur in women as compared to 47 per cent in men, and about 32,500 more women
7 than men die from a stroke; and

8 Whereas, in 2008, the direct and indirect costs of cardiovascular
9 diseases in the United States, including stroke, are estimated to be \$448.5
10 billion; and

11 Whereas, more women die of heart disease, stroke and all other
12 cardiovascular diseases than the next five leading causes of death combined,
13 including all cancers; and

14 Whereas, in 2006, heart disease was the leading underlying cause of
15 death for all Arizonans, accounting for 10,362 deaths, and stroke was the
16 fifth leading cause of death, accounting for 2,159 deaths; and

17 Whereas, only 21 per cent of women consider cardiovascular disease
18 their greatest health risk; and

19 Whereas, Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's national
20 call to increase awareness about heart disease—the leading cause of death for
21 women—and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health; and

22 Whereas, all women should learn their own personal risk for heart
23 disease, by using tools such as the American Heart Association's Go Red for
24 Women heart checkup and talking to their healthcare provider.

25 Therefore

26 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
27 Representatives concurring:

28 1. That the Members of the Legislature proclaim the month of February
29 2008 as Go Red for Women Month in the State of Arizona and recognize the
30 importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke.

31 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
32 of this Resolution to the American Heart Association and the American Stroke
33 Association.